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SUBJ: US-GON CIVAIR TALKS--GOVERNMENT AND
PRESS COMMENTARY

1. A NOTE OF CAUTION IS DISCERNIBLE IN GON COMMENTS PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF CIVAIR TALKS.
2. WHILE PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL IS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD PRESS AFTER CABINET MEETING NOVEMBER 8 THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT IN ATMOSPHERE OF CONFLICT, HE ALSO WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "HOLLAND HAS NO OTHER MEANS OF PRESSURE THAN THE COGENCY OF ITS ARGUMENTS."
3. ON HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON, TRANSPORTATION MINISTER WESTERTEP REITERATED UNACCEPTABILITY OF US PROPOSAL BUT ADDED IT WAS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHAT SANCTIONS GON WOULD APPLY IF US REFUSED TO COMPROMISE.
4. ALTHOUGH SOME PAPERS CONTINUED TO MENTION THAT STARFIGHTER REPLACEMENT IS USEFUL BARGAINING POINT IF TALKS GO BADLY, LEFTIST-ORIENTED CATHOLIC-LABOR DAILY DE VOLKSKRANT, ON DAY AFTER CABINET MEETING,

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REFERRED VAGUELY TO "SPECULATIONS MADE IN THE HAGUE"

ABOUT WHAT SORT OF MEASURES NETHERLANDS COULD TAKE
AGAINST EUROPEAN AIRLINES TO COMPENSATE FOR POSSIBLE
LOSS OF NORTH ATLANTIC PASSENGERS. DE VOLSKRANT
SUGGESTED ONE OPTION IS TO LIMIT LANDING RIGHTS AT
AMSTERDAM FOR COMPANIES SUCH AS FINNAIR AND
CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S CSA. IT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS WOULD
CONFLICT WITH PRINCIPLES GON IS STRESSING IN NEGOTIATIONS
WITH US.

4. PRESS REPORTS ON AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH UNION
OFFICIALS NOVEMBER 8 (HAGUE 5442) STRESSED LABOR'S
CONCERN WITH OUTCOME OF TALKS BUT ALSO CARRIED GIST OF
WHAT AMBASSADOR SAID, INCLUDING HIS REMARKS THAT EUROPEAN AIRLINES
HOLD UNREASONABLE SHARE OF NORTH ATLANTIC TRAFFIC AND THAT
ANY RESTRICTIONS US MAY APPLY TO LKM SHOULD NOT BE
VIEWED AS HOSTILE ACTION.
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